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André de Staercke came to see Tommy and myself this morning. He had spent the week end in Brussels and thinks there is still a bare chance of one Chamber of the Parliament passing on EDC before the summer recess. He said [redacted] our conversation with Liebaert at Gutt's house had made a [redacted] considerable impression on him.

Jean Monnet came in and we talked about the composition of the new French Cabinet in relation to European unification. On the whole, its members will probably be more disposed to push ahead with EDC ratification and with progress on the Political Community than were the outgoing Cabinet Ministers.

I talked to Frank Nash on the telephone today. He is making one of his usual quick tours of Europe. He said he was bitterly disappointed [redacted] it had been considered politically impracticable to submit Paul Nitze's name to the Senate as his successor.

E. and I stopped at Virginia Chambers' to look at a sofa [redacted] she is willing to sell. We found Daddy and Alice Lee Meyers there. He was in fine spirits, which is quite wonderful, for his throat operation for cancer had been about as severe a thing as one could imagine. He has to speak in a low, almost whispering voice.

Pierre Brisson gave a dinner for us tonight at Pré-Catelan, [redacted] attended by most of the key members of the Figaro staff with their wives and a few outsiders. I sat next to Mrs. Arturo Rubinstein. Her husband, the famous pianist, as well as herself are [redacted] attractive. They speak almost every Western European and Slav language. I first met him 25 years ago when he was already famous, and he appears to have undergone little physical change in the interval.

Jacqueline Patenôtre was on my other side, [redacted] buoyed up by the Laniel Cabinet appointments.

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